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Barkha, the graded reading series is developed for students of Grade I and II. The objective of the series is to provide opportunity to young children to engage with books and read meaningfully. Gradation across levels has been achieved by variation in syntax, number of words and complexity of sub-plots. Barkha facilitates reading for pleasure in children and helps them become fluent readers. Children find everyday events as interesting as stories; hence, all the stories of Barkha are based on their daily life experiences. The stories of Barkha are spread out in four levels and five themes— (i) Relationships; (ii) Birds-Animals; (iii) Musical Instruments, Games and Toys; (iv) Around us and (v) Food. Another objective of the reading series is to provide plenty of books to children. It also helps in cognitive development of children in all curricular domains.

It is suggested that *Barkha* books be kept at a place in the classroom where children have easy access.

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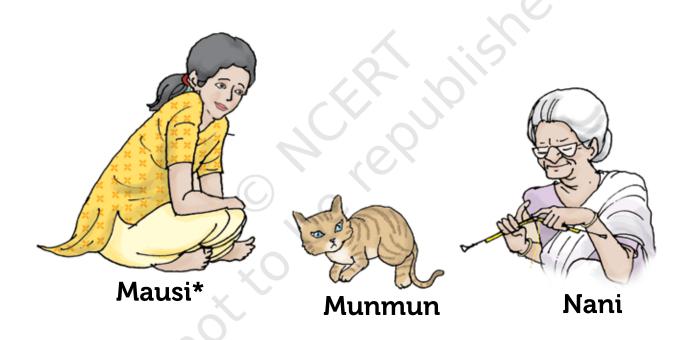
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Mausi's Socks

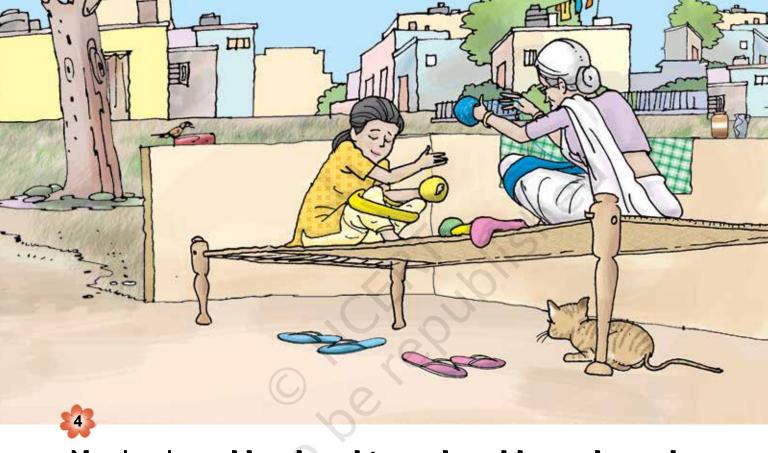




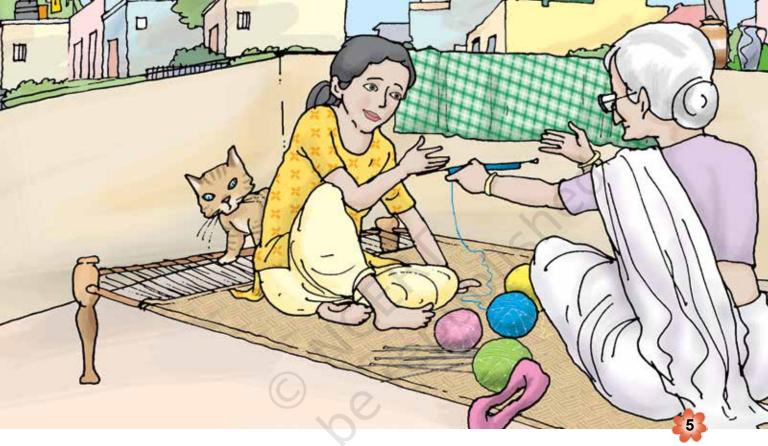
One day, Mausi was learning to knit socks from Nani. They were sitting on a cot in the courtyard. Munmun was lying under the cot.



They had several knitting needles and lots of wool. Nani wrapped a skein of blue wool around her knees. Mausi wrapped the yellow wool.



Nani spinned her hand to make a blue coloured ball. Mausi also spinned her hand to make a yellow coloured ball. Munmun looked intently at the balls.



Nani put knitting loops on the needle for mausi. Mausi started to knit socks. Munmun quietly climbed up the cot.



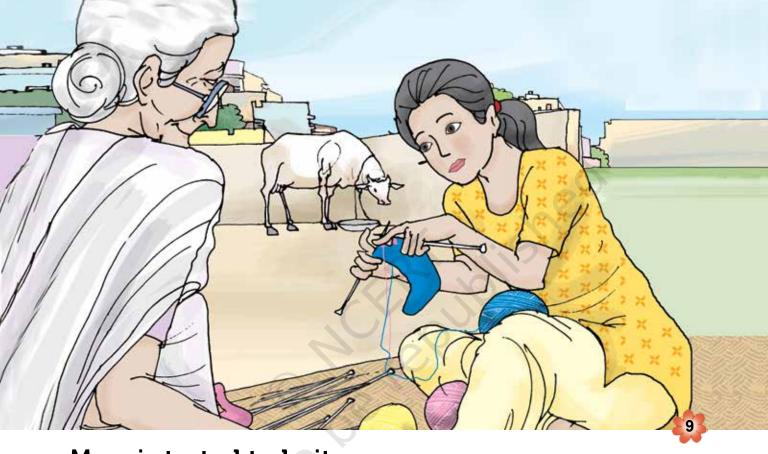
Mausi was busy in knitting the socks. Munmun rolled the wool down. She started to play with the ball.



When Mausi felt a tug, she looked at the ball. She took the ball away from Munmun. Mausi wound the ball and kept it in her lap.



Mausi started to knit the socks again. The sock started to take shape. Nani added loops of pink wool on Mausi's knitting needle.



Mausi started to knit.

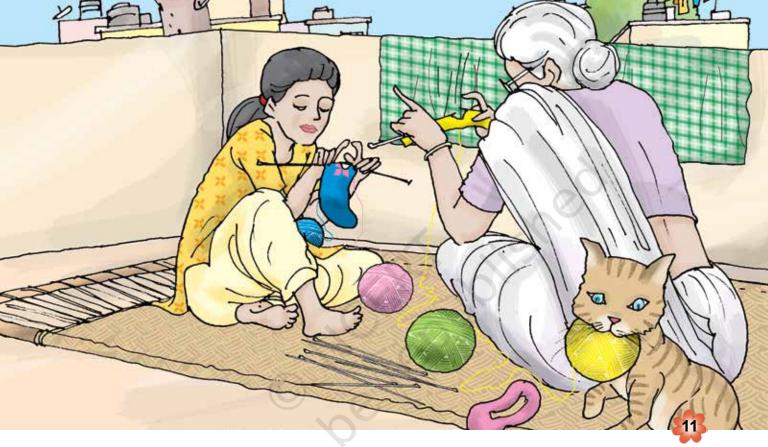
Now, pink wool was also showing in the knitting.

The pink ball was also moving.



A pink flower started to appear in Mausi's knitting. The sock had started to hang.

Nani put loops on a knitting needle for herself.



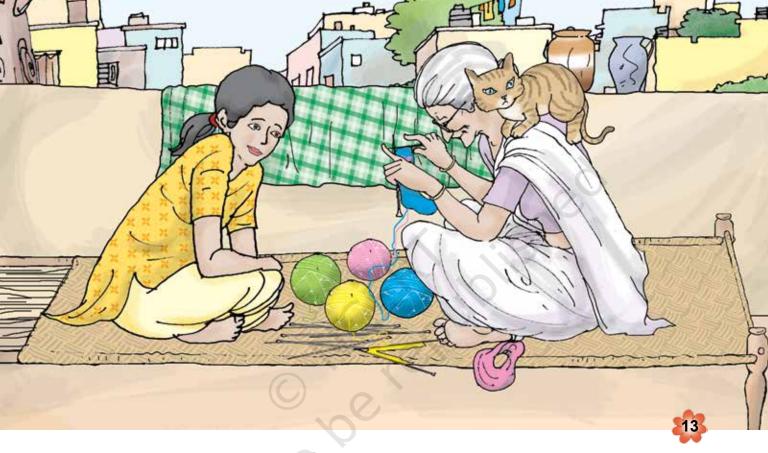
Nani also started knitting.

Munmun again climbed the cot quietly.

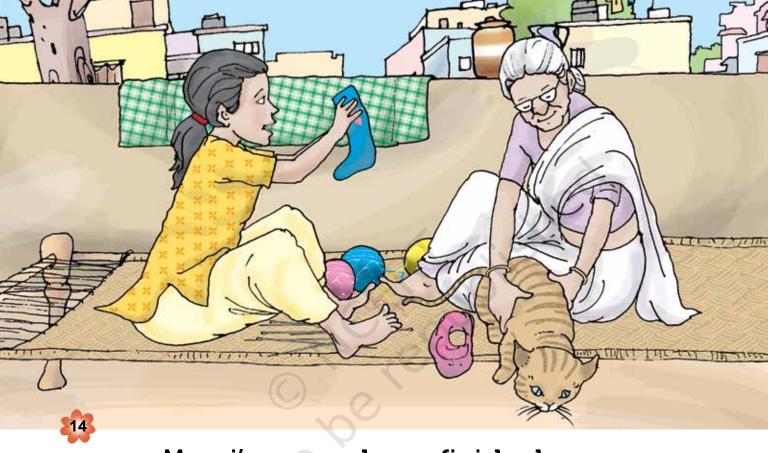
She tried to take Nani's ball of wool down.



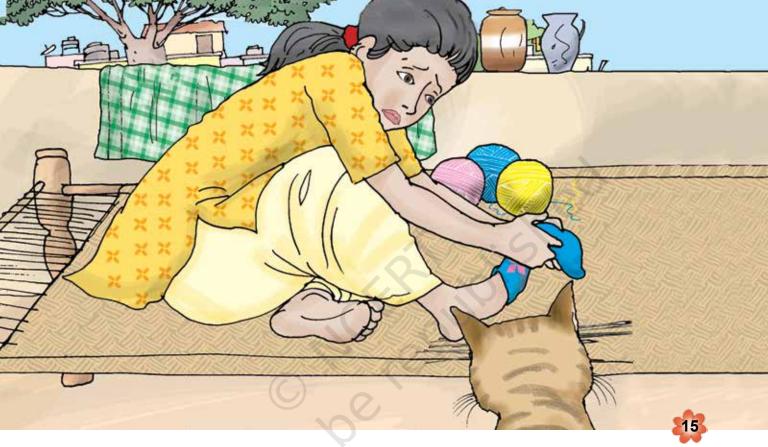
Nani pulled the ball from Munmun's mouth. She put Munmun on her shoulders. Munmun started to rub her face on Nani's ears.



Nani took Mausi's sock in her hand. She showed Mausi how to bind the stitches. Mausi bound the loops of that sock.



Mausi's one sock was finished. She was very happy with her sock. Nani put Munmun down.



Mausi tried to wear her new socks. The sock did not fit Mausi's foot. The sock was too small.



Mausi put Munmun on her lap.

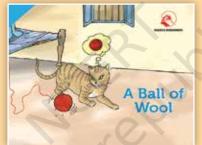
She slipped the sock onto Munmun's paw.

The sock fit Munmun.

Stories of Rama and Rani



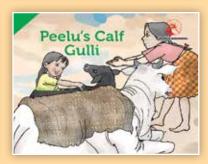


















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